

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Exodus 17:8-13 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2 Luke 18:1-8

Readings Next Weekend:

Sirach 35:12-18 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14



The readings today speak to us of the power of persistent prayer. Notice first the **Problem for Prayer**.

None of us like problems, but one thing about problems is that they help to keep us praying. In today's first reading Israel is at war and their enemies are strong. It's time to pray. In the gospel a widow is troubled about something and it keeps her coming back to the judge. Sometimes God allows us problems to keep us praying. Next, notice the **Priority of Prayer**. Joshua and the army did not go forth until Moses took up his prayer place. Prayer ought to precede any major work or decision. Next, notice the **Power of Prayer**. As long as Moses prayed, Israel got the best of the battle. But when fatigue caused his prayer to diminish Israel began to lose. Next, notice the **Partnership of Prayer**. Moses, because of his fatigue, knows he needs to get Aaron and Hur to assist him in praying. As a team they pray together and once again Israel is strengthened and begins to win. Next, notice the **Persistence of Prayer**. The text says that, with Aaron and Hur to help him, Moses prayed right through to sunset. They prayed right until the end and so must we. And finally, there is the **Product of Prayer**. The text says that the enemies of Israel were utterly defeated. This is the power of persistent prayer.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 20
 8:00am Mattie Barclay † (birthday)
 11:00am For the intentions of Ruby Roberts
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, October 21
 7:00am Antonio Williams †

Tuesday, October 22 *Saint John Paul II, Pope*
 7:00am James C. Walker † (birthday)

Wednesday, October 23
 7:00am Donald & Leola Greenfield † (wedding anniv. 10/24)

Thursday, October 24
 7:00am Ferdie Thibodeaux †

Friday, October 25
 7:00am Pauline Macon † (birthday)

Saturday, October 26
 8:00am Larry Elgin †
 4:30pm Patricia Hare †

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: Romans 4:20-25 Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday: Romans 5:12, 15-21 Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18 Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Romans 6:19-23 Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Romans 7:18-25 Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Romans 8:1-11 Luke 13:1-9

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Our God, Our Help in Ages Past LMG #560
 ** The Glory of the Lord Stephen Hurd

Responsorial Psalm
 Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Offertory
 * Lead Me, Guide Me LMG #538
 ** Awesome God Brian Courtney Wilson

Communion
 * Standin' in the Need of Prayer LMG #516
 ** Standing in the Need of Prayer Stephen Key

Recessional
 Lead Me, Guide Me LMG #538

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

Mass Attendance for October 13, 2019

4:30pm 51
 8:00am 117
 11:00am 240
 7:00pm 118
Total: 526

Stewardship Report: October 6 - 25, 2019

Budgeted Tithes: Oct. 6 - 25, 2019	\$31,538
Actual Tithes Received: Oct., 6 - 25, 2019	\$35,382

FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. You can go online to faith.direct/DC59 for more information and to register. If you have questions, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hcschurch.org. Thank you for your prayerful support of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (10/20) 9:30am Ladies of Charity 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (10/23) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (10/21) 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (10/24) 6:30pm Dance Ministry
Tuesday (10/22) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (10/25) 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
	Saturday (10/26) 10:00am Dance Ministry 12:00pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux

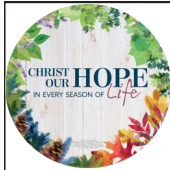
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

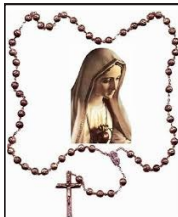


CHRIST OUR HOPE: In Every Season of Life—October is annually observed by the Catholic Church in the U.S. as **Respect Life Month**. We are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its natural end, and at every point in between. For more resources visit www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month and learn why our faith believes that *Every Life is cherished, chosen and sent by God*. See the fliers in the rear of the church with more details on some of these topics.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Council #10008 is sponsoring a **NOVENA FOR LIFE** from **October 26th to November 3rd** to coincide with the end of *40 Days for Life*, an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Novena prayer cards will be distributed by our ushers either this weekend or the next. We encourage parishioners to engage in nine days of sustained prayer to support a culture of life. For more information please contact Grand Knight James Mazol at james.mazol@gmail.com

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 “O” St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., Oct. 26th**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm, Fri., Oct. 25th**. Questions? Contact Katy Kuhlman (615-337-2193, or katy.kuhlman@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.



JOIN US FOR A LIVING ROSARY: Our Sunday School students and their parents will pray **A Living Rosary, Sun., Oct. 27th** at **9:45AM** in the school cafeteria. Both youth and adults are welcome. This is a unique experience where **you** are the living rosary. Come and see!

47th ANNIVERSARY CHOIR 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: from any choir member; or in the rectory office, or online at <https://hcsc47thanniversary.eventbrite.com>.



BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MASS: The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to the celebration of Mass in honor of Black Catholic History Month. Theme: **“Steadfast Witness”**. The celebration will take place on **Saturday, November 9th** at **Holy Family Catholic Church, Hillcrest Heights, MD (2210 Callaway St.)**. Beginning with **praise and worship at 3:30PM**, followed by **Mass at 4PM** with the Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington as the principal celebrant. For more information, contact culturaldiversity@adw.rog.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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ANNUAL BOWTIE BRUNCH FOR BOYS: For male youth in grades K—12!!! In celebration of developing strong young men through fellowship with Fathers and Male Mentors, the 6th Annual Bowtie Brunch for Boys, is **Sat., Nov. 2nd**, from **11AM—3PM** at **Holy Name Catholic Church Annex, 1125 Neal St., NE**. For tickets and questions, call Sylvia Hall (202-213-9841) or HCSC Youth Director.

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 **Book of Genesis**. Come and meet other young adults!

AOW WHITE MASS: Sun., Oct. 27th at 11:30AM at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW, WDC). Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory is the celebrant. This is a Mass to recognize the gifts of persons with Special Needs. It is called the White Mass because the color is connected to our baptismal promise. So, everyone is asked to wear white. Call 301-853-4560 for details.

27th INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING: November 2—10. Join us on **Sat., Nov. 2nd at 8:30AM—4:30PM** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Opening International Day of Prayer. **Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope is the celebrant for the 12:00Noon Mass.** Other guest speakers are Abby Johnson (subject of the true-life movie “Unplanned”), Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga (Cyangugu Diocese of southeastern Rwanda) and many others. Visit www.lwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY for more information on all the many activities and events. See flier for details.

THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS OPEN HOUSE: Sun., Nov. 3rd from **10AM—1PM**. Mass will be offered at 9AM. School tours will be available as well as opportunities to speak with faculty, administration, coaches, board members, parents and alumnae. Information about financial aid and scholarships available in addition to signature programs. Located at 4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Visit www.academyoftheholycross.org for more info.

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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: