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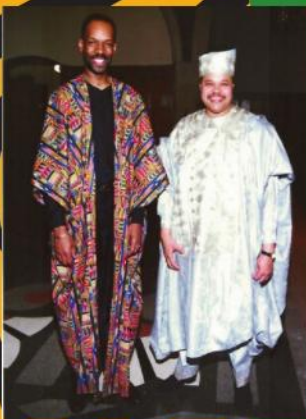
*Celebrating Black History
Month 2023*



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023



KENNETH WAYNE LOUIS
1956-2020



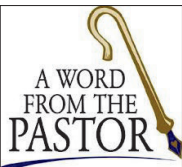
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 12:1-4a 2 Tim 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9



Today's gospel speaks of the fact that Jesus was tempted by the Devil. This very fact helps us to appreciate something about our own temptation. For it sometimes happens that when we are being tempted we think we have already sinned merely by the fact that we are being tempted. But scripture says that Jesus was tempted in every way yet never sinned. Thus, temptation is not of itself a sin. Rather, it is simply a thought to do something that we know is wrong. We are then free to accept or reject this thought, and that is where sin enters in. The three temptations in the desert that Jesus experiences are typical of the main things that tempt us. The first temptation is for possessions and the creature comforts of this world, symbolized by the loaves of bread. The second temptation is the temptation to presumption, for the Devil tells Jesus to cast himself over the edge of the roof and that no matter what he does God will rescue him. The third temptation is power and popularity for the Devil tells Jesus that he will give him all power over all people if he would simply worship Satan. And so for us, most of our temptations can be summarized by temptations for possessions and pleasures, presumption that no matter what we do God will always save us, and the temptations of power and being popular.



FUNERALS: Yolanda Berry (February 24th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, February 26

8:00am Bishop David O'Connell †

9:30am Leon Roberts †

11:00am Kenneth W. Louis †

7:00pm intentions of those we are poor and homeless

Monday, February 27 St. Gregory, Abbott & Doctor of the Church

7:00am intentions of Kelly Peaks (B'day)

Tuesday, February 28

7:00am intentions of Justine Parker

Wednesday, March 1

7:00am intentions of Russell Colbert, Sr.

Thursday, March 2

7:00am Barbara Colbert †

Friday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

7:00am Maria Moore †

Saturday, March 4

8:00am For the people

4:30pm Yolanda Berry †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isa 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C;12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Deut 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through *Faith Direct*. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

1. Scan the QR code to the right →
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3. Go online to faith.direct/DC59 and register.

This eGiving service is **FREE**. You can register to have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month or give a one-time gift/donation.

Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



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- **Subscribe to Flocknote** by texting "HCSC" to 84576 or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> to sign up to receive emails with updates from the parish such as bulletins and homily notes. It's **FREE** and easy!
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MASS ATTENDANCE

February 19, 2023

4:30pm 33
8:00am 47
9:30am 42
11:00am 158
7:00pm 50
Total: 330

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (2/27)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (3/3)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

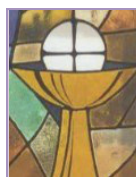
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday (3/1)

7:15pm Lenten Adult Bible Study

Saturday (3/4)

9:00am Holy Name Society



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. If you would like to offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength, courage and for each other as we face many challenges and struggles throughout our daily lives. All are welcome.

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.

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

PARISH LIFE



This Sunday at the 11am Mass, we host a special celebration of Black History Month by recognizing the inspirational talent of the late Kenneth W. Louis who was the former Director of Music & Liturgy at HCSC. We will celebrate the liturgy using the original composition of the *Mass of Saint Cyprian* by Mr. Louis. Our Music Ministry will also sing a selection of Kenneth's musical compositions. Mr. Louis passed away in 2020. We still have CD's of *We Offer Praise* available in our Candlelight Store (ask an usher) or rectory office. Or, scan the QR code for digital options to purchase Mr. Louis' music.



As we continue to celebrate **Black History Month**, we have limited copies of *What We have Seen & Heard* which is a collection of essays & stories from Black Catholics of Baltimore. Copies located in rear of church. Please take only one so that all can have an opportunity.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

+ Check out the **LENT RESOURCE** table in the rear of the church for more Lenten prayers, devotions and suggestions for your Lenten journey this season.

P **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**. These devotions will begin **Friday, Feb. 24th**. Come and journey with Jesus to Calvary this Lent.

R **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) every Wednesday during Lent at 7:15pm for a Lenten Bible Study titled *"Learning in Lent"*. We will look at scripture and examine the teachings of the Church that seem difficult especially during these times when it appears counter to today's culture. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link at hscchurch.flocknote.com. **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885. **Bible study begins Wed., March 1st**.

+ Check out ways to pray this Lent on the **Hallow App** — the #1 Catholic App in the world. Pick up a flyer/card in rear of church or just download the app on your mobile device.



HELP THOSE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA AFTER EARTHQUAKE: Since Feb. 6th, we have seen a humanitarian crisis unfold in Turkey and Syria after successive 7.8 magnitude earthquakes devastated the region. The death toll has surpassed 33,000 and will continue to increase. Parishioners are encouraged to pray and to donate to Catholic Relief Services by visiting crs.org. Your gift will help CRS partners in the region provide safe shelter, and access to food, clean water and hygienic supplies. Thank you for your generous response to help those in need.



HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
youthdirector@hscchurch.org ♦ 202.330.8302



GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will present the re-enactment of the **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, April 7th** at 7pm. Rehearsals held on

Sunday after 11am Mass. If you'd would like to participate as actor, reader or cast member, contact youth director.

DID YOU KNOW? We celebrate Youth Sunday the second Sunday of every month at the 11am Mass. On Youth Sunday, our youth lector, sing and serve as altar servers and ushers. If you are a youth or know of a youth who is interested in serving as a lector, choir member, altar server or usher, contact the youth director.



Three female youth from our parish have been invited by the Servants of the Lord to travel on pilgrimage with them to attend the World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal – but they need the funds to get there! The trip is \$3,000/person. Please consider a contribution for these young ladies to have this experience. This is a wonderful opportunity for these youth to meet with other Catholic youth from around the world and be inspired in their faith. Pick up a flyer/envelope in the rear of the church for details. We are grateful for any gift.



UPDATE: CHURCH RESTROOM RENOVATION ALMOST COMPLETE!

Our church building has been around a number of years and with this renovation we encountered a number of issues once they began the initial demolition. Of course, this delayed the work and prolonged the project. But, it is finally coming to a completion! We hope that within the next 2 weeks or sooner, we will have our newly renovated restroom available to all. In the meantime, use the handicap restroom located up the ramp to the left of the Mary altar near the front of the church (near the Altar). We are grateful for your patience during the renovation.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement**. To receive email notifications, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on hscchurch.flocknote.com.



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Deacon James P. Flagg II

For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

Mass Times: **Saturday** 8am & 4:30pm (vigil);
Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 7pm;
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed



HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH A
SPECIAL MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO

Kenneth Wayne Louis

1956-2020

Kenneth Wayne Louis served as the Minister of Music & Liturgy at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Catholic Church for over 30 years. He passed away on November 18, 2020 in Atlanta, GA. During this Black History Month, we were moved to recognize his wonderful musical talent and inspiration to our community and the Catholic faith.

Kenneth Louis was born on September 12, 1956 in Louisville, KY to the late George Louis Breckenridge and Lois Virginia Woolfolk (Louis) Brooks. He accepted the responsibility to inspire others through his gift of music at an early age, as there was determination and perseverance where he excelled in music beyond his own expectations.

His sister, Roxie Williams, would drive Kenneth to the University of Louisville School of Music, at the age of twelve years old and he would then share, “the classes are hard, but I understand what is taking place.” Though he enjoyed his hometown and the ability to always expand and grow, Kenneth branched out to Washington, DC, where he immediately joined and began to share his talents in local area churches. Shortly thereafter, he took a bow as the first African-American to receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Ethnic (Gospel) Music Studies from the University of the District of Columbia in 1992.

In parallel, this positive momentum introduced him to working with the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) family, where he penned and recorded “Behold Your God” for the GMWA Mass Choir. Kenneth had formed Phase One, a dynamic group of artists and stellar performers from the Washington, DC., Virginia, and Maryland areas. Phase One delivered an intricate “one voice” precision technique and was known and loved throughout the area.

Without a pause in those efforts, he continued to obtain his Master of Arts Degree from Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD. Through his consistent commitment to his church home, Kenneth then spent nearly 30 years at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church as Minister of Music.

Kenneth’s expertise and passion for gospel music afforded him the opportunity to travel extensively through the United States and Europe. In 1996, Kenneth along with an esteemed panel of music specialists presented a lecture/demonstration in Paris, France on the European Influence on African-American Gospel Music at ‘April in Paris’ which was sponsored and convened by W.E.B. DuBois Center on African-American Studies of Harvard University. Kenneth had appeared on many occasions as a conductor and artists on the stage at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as well as other noted venues around the country.

Kenneth had served a music resource person and consultant on African-American sacred music to many dioceses and congregations throughout the United States. He served at a music director for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and contributing writer to one of the Liturgy Training Publications (LTP), Cry Holy! He was a recording artist and composer with GIA Publications and World Library Publications (WLP) both of Chicago, Illinois. He was a contributing composer to the Lead Me, Guide Me Catholic Hymnal and the African-American Heritage Hymnal.

In 2001, Kenneth composed and recorded the full mass setting for *The Mass of Saint Cyprian* (revised order of Mass done in 2010). In this live recording with the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Gospel Choir, Kenneth utilized the call-and-response throughout the mass, making it easy for the assembly to join in. From the pleading sounds of "I Am Willing, Lord," and the beautiful, flowing melody of "Taste and See," to the uplifting "Jesus, You Brought Me All the Way," the *Mass of Saint Cyprian* is an inspiring way for everyone involved to pray. And, in 2012 in celebration of the HCSC choir's 40th anniversary, Kenneth Louis directed and recorded the CD *We Offer Praise* with the HCSC choir.

In 2014, Mr. Louis was honored with the Melchizedek—Guardian of the Voice of God Award. In September of 2014, he provided musical leadership for the mass celebrated by Pope Francis at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

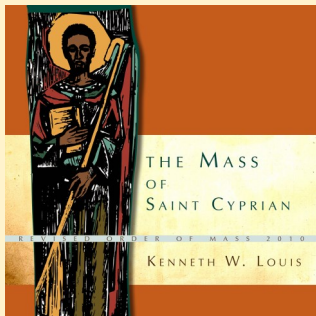
Kenneth continued in his music ministry and relocated in 2015 to his final church home at Our Lady of Lourdes in Atlanta, GA; once again establishing a newness of worship liturgy for the people of God.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

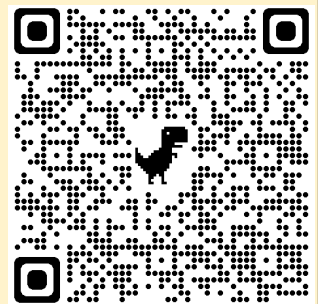


VIDEO: Music in Liturgy—Office of Black Catholics—Archdiocese of Washington
(featuring Kenneth W. Louis)

Resources to purchase and hear Kenneth Louis' music/recordings:



The Mass of Saint Cyprian (*revised order of Mass in 2010 version*) - scan the QR code to listen and purchase.



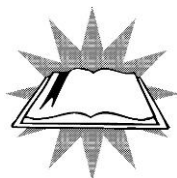
We Offer Praise—In celebration of the HCSC choir's 40th Anniversary in 2013, Kenneth Louis and the HCSC choir recorded a wonderful cd titled "We Offer Praise" featuring a diverse selection of songs and hymns. Scan the QR code for information on how to listen and purchase the digital version. Copies of the CD are available at the Candlelight (Usher) Store or rectory office for \$10.



Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Catholic Church

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY w/MSGR. CHARLES POPE

Every Wednesday beginning March 1 to March 29



LEARNING IN LENT

...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Roman 12:2)

Lent is a time of renewal and conversion, a time to grow in our faith. But the teachings of our faith are under attack as never before and Catholics can too easily become doubtful and cynical about biblical and Catholic teachings on many critical moral topics related to life, marriage, family and sexuality. Consider a fast from all the criticism and give the gift of your time to hear what the Church actually teaches and why.

Our Lenten Bible study will focus on areas of Church teachings that have become controversial over the past decades. We will look to their biblical origins and explain why they remain true for us today and how they make sense.

We will meet via Zoom (online) each Wednesday of Lent at 7:15pm and cover the topics below. If you have not done so, please subscribe to **FlockNotes** at hscchurch.flocknote.com and select the *Wednesday Bible Study* to receive the weekly Zoom link to each session. If you have questions on how to link to the bible study via Zoom, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

March 1st – FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPALS

Why does the Church care what people do?
The Cross - The way of the Truth is not always easy
The Nature of the Church - A thermostat not a thermometer
Stay Put-Stay Catholic - How politics changes, but the Church teachings stay the same

March 8th – MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL IDENTITY ISSUES

Is the Church Anti-LGBTQ?
Why does the Church not accept Gay Marriage?
What does the Church offer LGBTQ Catholics?
Why does the Church teach against transgenderism?

March 15th -- LIFE ISSUES 1

Abortion
Contraception

March 22nd – LIFE ISSUES 2

Physician Assisted Suicide
Capital Punishment

March 29th – VOCATIONAL ISSUES

Why no women priests?
Why do scriptures say that the husband is the head of his wife and family?
Why no divorce and remarriage?
Denial of Communion?

Therefore, be of clear mind and self-controlled so that you can pray. (1 Peter 4:7)

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Catholic Church
and the Social Concerns Ministry

2023 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Did you know our parish has a food pantry for those in our community? We provide food items to those who request food assistance. Our food pantry is restocked through your generous donations to the Poor Boxes (*on the walls of the sanctuary near the doors*) **AND** through food drives such as this.

As we celebrate the season of Lent, we continue to answer the Gospel call to serve those in need. Please fill a bag with items from the **list below** and return throughout the Lenten season. You can leave donations in the vestibule (lobby) of the church at Mass or you can order from Amazon or any local grocery store and have items delivered directly to the rectory office (*Mon., Tues., Wed. or Fri. between 11am - 5pm*). Monetary donations are also accepted (cash, check & Faith Direct (*donate under Lenten Food Drive*)). Make check payable to: HCSC and drop in Poor Box, collection basket or at the rectory. **PLEASE** indicate FOOD DRIVE on your check or envelope with your monetary donation.

Our delivery address is: 1357 East Capitol St., SE, Washington, DC 20003. You can use Kim Peaks as the contact for the deliveries.

Questions: Call 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org



FOOD DRIVE

Boxed Breakfast Cereal
Oatmeal & Grits
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Tomato Sauce (canned or plastic bottle)
Spaghetti
Canned Soups (hearty)
Peanut Butter & Jelly (no glass)
Canned Fruit

Canned fish (salmon, tuna or sardines)
Canned chicken
Canned vegetables (no carrots)
Boxed Potatoes
Canned Beef Stews
Canned Diced or Crushed Tomatoes
Juice (plastic bottle 64 oz or larger)

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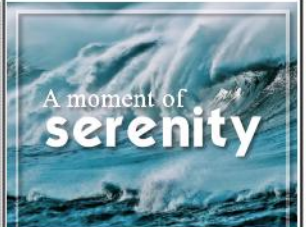
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Clyde (Guy) Fairfax Jr.
The Family

In Memory of
Our Deceased Members
HCSC
Holy Name Society

In Memory of
**OUR DECEASED
SODALISTS**
HCSC SODALITY

In Loving Memory of
The Deceased Jenifers:
Oscar, Mary, Helena, Bay, David,
Baby Sis, Beverly, Frankie, David,
Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan
*Still Loved, Still Missed
& Very Dear, The Family*

*In Loving
Memory of*
OTHA JOHN HAMER JR.
OTHA JOHN HAMER III
"ETERNAL LOVE"
~ Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,
Betty - wife and mother



In Loving Memory
Austina H. Jones
Mother
We Love You Always
Willie, Lawrence & Maria

To Our Beloved
Kenyon E. Jones
Son & Father
*We'll always
love you,
Mom, Kids
& Denita*

**IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**
**Anthony
Maxwell Smart**
(Tony)
- The Family

In Memory of
**Winnie,
Ray,
Bertie**

In Memory of
**Hump,
Will,
Henny**

*In Loving
Memory of*
Devin M. Wright
*Love Always,
The Family*

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**James O. &
Reba L. Neale**
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