

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Jeremiah 23:1-6      Ephesians 2:13-18      Mark 6:30-34

**Readings Next Weekend:**

2 Kings 4:42-44      Ephesians 4:1-6      John 6:1-15



The Gospel today speaks to us of the Priority of Personal Prayer. Note first the **Practice of Praise-filled Prayer**. The text opens with the disciples gathering with Jesus and joyfully recounting all they had experienced on their missionary journey. Is your prayer filled with praise and thanksgiving? Are you grateful to God for all he has done? Note secondly, the **Privilege of Personal Prayer**. Jesus invites them to come away by themselves to a quiet place and rest a while. Most people seldom think of their personal prayer as a privileged invitation by the Lord, and yet consider, the Lord invites us to come aside and spend personal and private time with him. Note next, the **Primacy of Prioritized Prayer**. The text tells us that people were coming and going in great numbers seeking the attention of the Lord and the Apostles. Jesus often had to hide in order to pray. Sometimes the only quiet place they could find was out on the lake. But Jesus did make time for prayer and he invites the apostles and us to do the same, not only despite the busyness of life, but because of it. Note finally, the **Power of Pious Prayer**. The text says that after spending this time alone with the apostles, the boat came back to shore and Jesus, refreshed and renewed, saw a vast crowd and began to teach them at great length. Prayer is like rest, a necessary rest we need in order to be able to accomplish what the Lord has for us to do. So, make prayer a personal priority. We know what happens if we do not sleep. Spiritually, the same thing happens if we do not pray.



**Sunday, July 19**

4:30pm (Sat) Deacon Robert Berry †  
 8:00am John N. Graham †  
 11:00am For the Intentions of Kenneth Louis  
 7:00pm For the People

**Monday, July 20** *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Sam Nash †

**Tuesday, July 21** *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Crystal Lane Johnson †

**Wednesday, July 22** *Saint Mary Magdalene*

7:00am Raymond Peter Ryabik †

**Thursday, July 23** *Saint Bridget, Religious*

7:00am For the Intentions of Felicia Miller

**Friday, July 24** *Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*

7:00am Reginald Hawkins (birthday)

**Saturday, July 25** *Saint James, Apostle*

8:00am For the Intentions of Cora Campbell  
 4:30pm James Clyde Walker †

**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 14:5-18      Matthew 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Exodus 14:21—15:1      Matthew 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15      John 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Thursday:** Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20      Matthew 13:10-17  
**Friday:** Exodus 20:1-17      Matthew 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15      Matthew 20:20-28

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "Order My Steps" LMGM #527  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "Precious Lord" LMGM #366  
 \*\* "Lead Me, Guide Me" LMGM #538  
**Communion**  
 "Glorious Is the Name of Jesus" LMGM #374  
 \* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
 \*\* 11:00am *Church Choir—Larry Norton, Cantor*

**Mass Attendance for July 12, 2015**

4:30pm	47
8:00am	114
11:00am	245
7:00pm	76
<b>Total:</b>	<b>482</b>

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (7/12)	\$19,378
Actual Surplus (+)	+\$,3032

**ELECTRONIC TITHING**—What is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months? *eGiving* through Faith Direct! Enroll today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Our church code is DC59. Increased enrollment with Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances during the coming summer months when many families are away on vacation. Thank you for your continued support!

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL** - We remain significantly behind in pledges this year for the Cardinal's Appeal. As of last week we are at only 77% of our goal. 149 donors have pledged \$42,170. A snowy February really set us back. Please consider making a pledge today toward our goal of \$54,463. A pledge envelope can be obtained from an usher or at the tables in the back.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (7/19)</b> 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (7/22)</b> 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (7/20)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (7/24)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (7/21)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (7/25)</b> 9:00am S.O.M.E. (off-site) 4:30pm Mass

**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**



**KENNETH LOUIS ANNOUNCES A NEW JOB OFFER**—After 30+ years of musical inspiration and excellence here at HCSC it is with a heavy heart we announce the departure of our beloved Director of Worship and Music, Kenneth Louis. Mr. Louis accepted a job offer from Our Lady of Lourdes in Atlanta, GA, starting September 2015. Kenneth plans to return for the annual HCSC choir concert in October. A selection committee is being developed to start the difficult search for a new music director. Stay tuned for more information.

**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)**—Parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for S.O.M.E. located at 71 "O" St., NW, on **Sat., July 25<sup>th</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer in rear of the church for recipe). Drop off your non-frozen chicken at the rectory before close of business on Fri., July 24<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763.



**BLOOD DRIVE REPORT**—On behalf of the HCSC Sodality and the American Red Cross, a sincere **THANK YOU** to all the donors and volunteers who assisted with our blood drive last Sunday. We collected **14 viable units of blood** from the **22 people** who donated. Many people in our community and across the country will benefit from your gift of life.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY**—is **July 29—August 19 at 6:30pm** in the school cafeteria. A light dinner will be served, so you must register with the rectory (202-546-1885). **Theme: "Pope-Pourri—A Biblical study of the Pope and his role in the Church."** We will explore biblical texts that show how Jesus established the Office of Peter (the Pope); how Peter and his successors advanced the faith; and, in the Acts of the Apostles, how they lived out their faith. We'll examine bible texts that set forth the authority of Peter and his successors to teach and govern, and we'll examine the problems in denominations that have no Pope or Papal authority.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—We really need your help this summer coordinating and serving the food and to set-up for the Vacation Bible School (VBS). **PLEASE** consider donating an hour or two for one or more nights (*Wednesday evenings, July 29—Aug 19*). Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org



**HCSC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**—The next featured film is **"Do You Believe?"** on **Sat., July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm** in the school cafeteria. This film was released in theatres last fall. Refreshments will be served and more youth-oriented movies will be shown for youth in the Youth Room. Reserve your seat: call 202-546-1885 or email: hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

**SAVE THE DATE**—Homecoming for all students and teachers of past and present programs and schools of the **Oblate Sisters of Providence, Sun., Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at Our Lady of Mount Providence, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD. Bring friends and classmates. For info call Sr. Helene Therese on 410-536-5687.

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** begins July 29<sup>th</sup> and we will have sessions for our youth from grades pre-k to 12<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on attending with your family.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

**SUMMER THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES**—DCCatholic and the Catholic Information Center present their rooftop Summer Theology on Tap series: Theology on TAPTalks. Join hundreds of young adults (21-late 30s) Tuesday evenings, July 7-August 11 at the Catholic Information Center rooftop (1501 K St., NW) for Happy Hour from 6-7pm, followed by a talk with Q/A from 7-8pm. Check out speakers and topics at adw.org/tot. Questions? Email DCCatholic@adw.org.

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA**—A Pig Roast, Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, and Latin Dance! Over 250 young adults from all over the DC region are expected! St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3450 Centreville Rd, Chantilly, VA. **Sat., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm—midnight. COST: \$20.** Includes a Latin Dance Night of Salsa, Merengue, and Cha-Cha lessons! For more information, email: stveronicaya@gmail.com.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.



**FAITH DAY OF BASEBALL AT NATIONALS PARK**—on **Sat., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:05pm** as the

Washington Nationals take on the Miami Marlins. Stay after the game for a special presentation of Nationals players testimonials and a FREE Postgame Concert featuring area church choirs, player testimonials, and discounted ticket packages! **DEADLINE: Mon., Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>**. If interested in significantly discounted tickets contact Ms. Jimmye Claire Walker in the rectory office on 202-546-1885. Flyer in vestibule on bulletin board.

**CALLING ALL HOKIE FOOTBALL FANS!!** Go to vtatholic.com/ticket for your chance to **Win 4 FREE Tickets** to the Virginia Tech vs. Ohio State football game on **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**! Sponsored by the Newman Community at Virginia Tech, **enter by Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, for your chance to win! You must be 18 or older to enter and only one entry will be accepted per person.

**VACATION TIME**—does not exclude Mass and the sacraments. As you travel, visit **DiscoverMass.com** to see our parish information, bulletins, and also to find a local Mass. Whether you stay home or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you enjoy yourself, rest your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. We are to always keep the Lord's day sacred.

**PARISH CONNECTIONS**—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

