

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15      Eph 4:17, 20-24      John 6:24-35



As we strive to be good disciples and evangelizers we must confront our fears and our sense of inadequacy. In today's Gospel note first the **DIMENSIONS** - There is a huge crowd and they are hungry and needy. It is no less the case today. There is a huge crowd of fallen away Catholics as well as those who have never known the Lord. Note next the **DENIAL** - the Lord knows they are hungry before they know they are hungry. Before anyone comes asking for food Jesus is already discussing with his apostles how to feed them. Some of the folks we will evangelize will protest that they are just fine without God and Church in their life. Next there is the **DIRECTIVE** - But Jesus knows better. He's telling us to get our provisions together, number and organize them and be ready to feed them. "But Lord! We have so little. We don't know what to say. We can't remember all the scripture passages, how to explain Church teaching and all that stuff. We can't possibly do this. We can't feed them!" But finally note the **DIFFERENCE** - Jesus says, "Bring me what you do have, says Jesus. Let's put all our provisions in place. You are going to be part of this solution but I will make up the difference." So, this what we must do each Sunday: Gather our provisions and number them, bring them to the Lord and let him multiply our meager offerings by grace. We may feel disorganized and ill prepared but we have to remember that Jesus is at the helm and with God we can scale any wall.



**Sunday, July 26**

4:30pm (Sat) James Clyde Walker †  
 8:00am Catherine Graham †  
 11:00am Rev. Thomas Krupich †  
 7:00pm For the health of Yolanda L. Duncan

**Monday, July 27**

7:00am Rev. John Clark †

**Tuesday, July 28**

7:00am Charles & Nancy Pope †

**Wednesday, July 29** *Saint Martha*

7:00am Earlene Capers (70<sup>th</sup> birthday)

**Thursday, July 30** *St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doc of the Church*

7:00am Rev. John Kinter †

**Friday, July 31** *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

7:00am Catherine Zegowitz †

**Saturday, August 1** *St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doc of the Church*

8:00am For the newly baptized  
 4:30pm For the People

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34      Matthew 13:31-35  
**Tuesday:** Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28      Matthew 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35      John 11:19-27      or Luke 10:38-42  
**Thursday:** Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38      Matthew 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Lv 23:1-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37      Matthew 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Leviticus 25:1, 8-17      Matthew 14:1-12

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "Order my Steps"      LMGM #527  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "Praise to the Lord"      LMGM #466  
 \*\* "Hallelujah is the Highest Praise"      A. Pattin  
**Communion**  
 "Do This in Remembrance of Me"      LMGM #763  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for July 19, 2015**

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|---------------|------------|
| 4:30pm        | 55         |
| 8:00am        | 106        |
| 11:00am       | 240        |
| 7:00pm        | 96         |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>497</b> |

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

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| Weekly Budget Amount Needed    | \$16,346 |
| Actual Tithes Collected (7/19) | \$13,601 |
| Actual Deficit (-)             | -\$2,745 |

**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.

**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!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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| <b>Sunday (7/26)</b><br>7:00pm Mass<br>8:00pm AA | <b>Wednesday (7/29)</b><br><i>Rectory Closes at 5pm</i><br>6:30pm Vacation Bible School |
| <b>Monday (7/27)</b><br>8:00pm YAM Bible Study   | <b>Friday (7/31)</b><br>8:00pm NA   |
| <b>Tuesday (7/28)</b><br>7:00pm Adult Choir      | <b>Saturday (8/1)</b><br>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**



**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS—**

Starting Wed., July 29<sup>th</sup> through Wed., August 26<sup>th</sup> the Rectory Office will close on **Wednesdays at 5pm**. Regular Wednesday evening hours will resume on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY**—starts this **Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the school cafeteria. A light dinner will be served, so you must register (202-546-1885 or online at [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org)). **Theme: “Pope-Pourri—A Biblical study of the Pope and his role in the Church.”** We will explore biblical texts that show how the Office of Peter (the Pope) was established by Jesus; how Peter and his successors advanced the faith; and, in the Acts of the Apostles, how they lived out their faith. We will also examine bible texts that set forth the authority of Peter and his successors to teach and govern, and we will spend time considering the problems that arise in denominations where there is no Pope or Papal authority. See flyer for more information.

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



**SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS UPDATE**—In the summer of 2013, our parish held listening sessions in conjunction with the diocesan-wide Synod that was convened by Cardinal Wuerl in 2013. The Synod was completed on Pentecost in 2014 and the statutes and recommendations were made available to the entire diocese. Copies of the archdiocesan recommendations are available in the rectory office and at <http://www.adw.org/synod-2/>. We held our own listening sessions at HCSC and the recommendations from our parishioners were noted and presented to the pastoral staff for consideration. Please stay tuned to this column to see our progress with the recommendations from our own listening sessions. We will provide updates on existing and future efforts. If you have questions, contact Kimberly Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [pam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hcscchurch.org).



**THE WORD AMONG US**—August issues are available in the Candlelight Store (\$2 each). This publication helps Catholics find 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!*

**OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ANNUAL 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**  
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**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@hcscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hcscchurch.org)

**SUMMER ROOFTOP THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES**—Join hundreds of young adults (21-late 30s) for our Summer TED-talk inspired Theology on TAPtalks series at the rooftop of the Catholic Information Center (1501 K Street NW) Tuesday nights, July 7-August 11. The roof is open for Happy Hour from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. Check out speakers and topics at [adw.org/tot](http://adw.org/tot). Questions? Email [DCCatholic@adw.org](mailto:DCCatholic@adw.org)

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA**—A Pig Roast, Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, and a Latin Dance Night? Must be the biggest young adult BBQ event of the year! Over 250 young adults from all over the DC area and the region are expected to attend this year! St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3450 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA. **Sat., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> (rain or shine) 6pm—midnight. COST: \$20.** When it gets dark, we go indoors for a Latin Dance Night with Salsa, Merengue, and Cha-Cha lessons! For more information, email: [stveronicaya@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sakeene@gmail.com).

We’d like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! Check out HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or send an email: [yam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:yam@hcscchurch.org). Follow us on **Twitter** at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

**HCSC BELL REPAIR**—Many of you may have noticed that the familiar toll of our bell has not occurred recently. Alas, our bell has begun to show its age and we must have it repaired this summer. A new system is being installed that will make it more efficient to ring the bell for all occasions without causing too much stress on the aging bell and tower. Soon we will be tolling the goodness and greatness of the Lord once again so that all will hear. Thank you for your patience while we make this repair.

**HAVE YOU MADE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION? Did you move? Get a new phone number?** Help us keep our church records up-to-date. Call the rectory office at **202-546-1885** or send your new information to [hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org). Thank you.

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**—If a family member is sick, hospitalized or homebound, call the rectory on 202-546-1885 or e-mail [hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org) to schedule a home visit and to receive sacraments.

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

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

