

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30—5:2 John 6:41-51



The Gospel for today's Mass speaks to desire. The Lord Jesus is interacting with some very hungry people, but he tries to get them to reconsider what they are truly hungry for. Consider this gospel in three stages. First there is the **Hunger of Desire**. The gospel indicates they journeyed quite a distance to find Jesus in hopes that he would feed them once again as he had when he multiplied the loaves and fishes. Though their desires need to be purified, at least the desires draw them to Jesus. Next note the **Healing of Desire** - Jesus enters into a discussion with them about the nature of their desire. They are looking for food for their stomachs. Jesus asks them (and us) to be as urgent and motivated to get food for their souls! Through the Eucharist and his word, Jesus wants to provide food unto eternal life, not merely run a soup kitchen. If food for the body is important, food for the soul is even more important. Finally then note the **Heart of Desire**. Having drawn them to consider a higher and better bread, they say to Jesus, "Sir, give us this bread always!" And Jesus says, "I AM the bread..." In other words he is the heart of what they and we really desire. Too often we think more possession, more popularity, more pleasures will satisfy us. Only for a moment. The heart of our Desire is God, and God alone.



Sunday, August 2

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Deacon Charles Edelin
 11:00am For the Intentions of Kenneth Louis
 7:00pm Cardinal William W. Baum †

Monday, August 3

7:00am Veronica Rodgers (birthday)

Tuesday, August 4 *Saint John Vianney, Priest*

7:00am For the mentally challenged

Wednesday, August 5 *Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

7:00am Bettye Mayes (birthday)

Thursday, August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

7:00am For the Intentions of Fannie Bailey

Friday, August 7 *Saint Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs*

7:00am Ollie Johnson (birthday)

Saturday, August 8 *Saint Dominic, Priest*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Souls in Purgatory

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: Numbers 11:4-15 Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13 Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35 Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Mark 9:2-10
Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Matthew 17:14-20

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Standing on the Promises" LMGM #562
Responsorial Psalm
 "The Lord gave them bread from heaven"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LMGM #752
 ** Choral Praise Robert Person
Communion
 "Praise Him" D. Harper
Post Communion Music
 ** Robert Person
 *8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Robert Person—Cantor

Mass Attendance for July 26, 2015

4:30pm	49
8:00am	104
11:00am	255
7:00pm	80
Total:	488

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (7/26)	\$13,366
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$2,980

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 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

Sunday (8/2) 9:30am Picnic Committee 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (8/5) Rectory closes at 5pm 6:30pm Vacation Bible School
Monday (8/3) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (8/7) 6:00pm First Friday Adoration 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (8/4) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (8/8) 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 29th the Rectory Office will close on Wednesdays at 5pm. Regular Wednesday evening hours resume September 2nd.

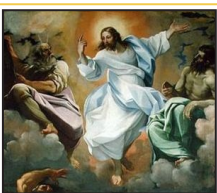


NEW PICNIC LOCATION: HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is Sat., Sept. 12th in Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD.

The first Picnic Committee meeting is Sun., Aug. 2nd from 9:30—10:30am in the rectory parlor. Help from parishioners will make this a successful event. Different talents are needed, so please come to the meeting. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting, call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—meets every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria through August 19th. A light dinner will be served, so you must register (either online at www.hcscchurch.org or call 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 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.

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, or 202-546-1885.



SOLEMN HIGH MASS in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite for the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Thur., Aug. 6th, 7:30pm.** Celebrated by Fr. James Bradley. All are warmly invited to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—resumes Fri., Aug 7th, at 6pm in the church and will be hosted by the Sodality. All parishioners are invited to attend. Details have been provided to each ministry leader inviting them to select a Friday to host. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend some quality time with Jesus!

NEW DATE! WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT—at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD, **Nov. 6—8.** COST: \$225 covers private room, transportation, meals, and spiritual enrichment. Theme: **“Holding on to my joy while striving to live my faith.”** Retreat facilitator: Charlene Howard. Deposit is now due. For info see flyer in your bulletin.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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COLLEGE STUDENTS—Many of our young adults are heading away to college and we like to send them off with a blessing. Please let our youth director or the rectory office know when you are leaving so we can invite you to Mass to be blessed. This includes all young adults who are entering college for the first time and those who are home for summer break.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has begun and sessions designed for youth in pre-k to 12th grade are being offered. Please plan on attending with your family.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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SUMMER ROOFTOP THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES—Join hundreds of young adults (21-late 30s) for the Summer TED-talk inspired THEOLOGY on TAP series at the rooftop of the Catholic Information Center (1501 K Street, NW) Tuesday nights, July 7—August 11. The roof opens for Happy Hour from 6—7pm, talk and Q/A follow from 7—8pm. Speakers and topics at adw.org/tot. Questions? Email DCCatholic@adw.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets Monday evenings at 8pm in the rectory. During summer months, call the rectory to make sure it is being held that evening. For info, contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or send an email: yam@hcscchurch.org. Follow us on **Twitter** for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



ROBERT E. PERSON is a member of the HCSC music ministry and has self-produced five albums on his own music label *REP Music*. Robert was recognized as the 2014 Male Artist of the Year at the DMV Christian Music Awards. His CD's are available for purchase in the Candlelight Store or online at www.roberteperson.com where you can find his schedule and listen to a sample of his music.

SAVE THE DATE!! HCSC HOLY NAME SOCIETY is planning its annual men's spiritual retreat to **Loyola on the Potomac, January 1-3, 2016.** The retreat fee is \$235.00 (\$185.00 for first time participants and/or young adults up to age 30). Contact Rodney Newman on 202-575-0743 or at newman_acm@hotmail.com.

VACATION NOTE—While you are on vacation this summer don't forget to attend Mass wherever you may be visiting. You can visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations around the country.

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

- Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org
- Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

