

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Proverbs 9:1-6      Ephesians 5:15-20      John 6:51-58

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Jos 24:1-2, 15-18      Ephesians 5:2, 25-32      John 6:60-69



Today's readings continue to teach us about the Holy Eucharist. First we are taught by Jesus of the **REALITY** of the Eucharist. Jesus calls himself the Living bread from heaven and then teaches that the bread he will give is His Flesh for the life of the world. At the Last Supper he said of the bread, "This is my Body." It is clear that the reality of the Eucharist is the very Body and Blood of the Lord. But next, note the **REACTION** to the teaching on the Eucharist. The assembled crowd largely scoffs and ridicules the teaching of Jesus. They interpret him to be speaking literally (as he was) and then say, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?!" Next, there is the **REINFORCEMENT** of the Eucharist. Jesus does not back down for a minute at this bad reaction nor does he say he merely speaks symbolically of the bread as his flesh. No, he doubles-down and tells them (in the graphic Greek text) that they must gnaw on his flesh. Clearly this teaching is important and he is willing to lose some to save others. There will be no setting aside of this "unpopular" saying. Finally, there is the **REWARD** of the Eucharist. Jesus shows why he sees it as so important by teaching that the Eucharist will cause us to remain in him and he in us and that, on account of that unity, that communion, he will raise us to eternal life with him. The Italians have a desert known as tiramisu which literally means "Pick me up." You might say the Holy Eucharist is the ultimate "pick me up" since by it the Lord takes us up to life eternal.



**Sunday, August 16**

4:30pm (Sat) Sheila Jackson †  
 8:00am For the Intentions of the Disabled  
 11:00am Ollie & June Johnson (7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)  
 7:00pm For the Intentions of the Homeless

**Monday, August 17**

7:00am Paul Macon † (birthday)

**Tuesday, August 18**

7:00am Mattie Jackson †

**Wednesday, August 19**

7:00am For the Intentions of Kamren Wilson Reynolds

**Thursday, August 20**

7:00am Helena Porch Nadler †

**Friday, August 21**

7:00am Souls of RCIA Program †

**Saturday, August 22**

8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Cheryl Walker Ross † (birthday)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Judges 2:11-19      Matthew 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Judges 6:11-24      Matthew 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Judges 9:6-15      Matthew 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Judges 11:29-39      Matthew 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22      Matthew 22: 34-40  
**Saturday:** Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17      Matthew 23:1-12

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "Standing on the Promises" LMGM #562  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* People Need the Lord" LMGM #570  
 \*\* The Music Ministry of Minister Francese Brooks  
**Communion**  
 Unity" LMGM #666  
 \* 8:00am Larry Norton, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\* 11:00am The Music Ministry of Minister Francese Brooks

**Mass Attendance for August 9, 2015**

4:30pm	51
8:00am	92
11:00am	214
7:00pm	96
<b>Total:</b>	<b>453</b>

**Stewardship Report 2014—2015**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/9)	\$14,490
Actual Deficit (-)	- \$1,856

**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!

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (8/16)</b> 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Picnic Planning meeting 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (8/19)</b> <b>Rectory Closes at 5:00pm</b> 6:30pm Vacation Bible School
<b>Monday (8/17)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (8/21)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (8/18)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (8/22)</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

**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**—Starting **Wed., July 29<sup>th</sup>** the Rectory Office **closes on Wednesdays at 5pm.** Regular Wednesday evening hours resume September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**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., Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (**see flyer for recipe**). Drop off your non-frozen chicken at the rectory before close of business on Fri., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. Questions? Call Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).

**FINAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY**—Our final summer session is **Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria.** A light dinner will be served, so you must register (either call 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 are exploring 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.



**NEW PICNIC LOCATION:** HCSC Annual Friends & Family Picnic is **Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> in Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD.** Your special talents are needed to make this event fun. If you would like to help make this a successful event, please call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699).

**SAVE THE DATE**—We will celebrate the **Feast Day of our Patron Saint Cyprian** on **Sunday, September 13, 2015.** Please note that we will celebrate **ONE Mass at 10AM** (No 8am or 11am Mass). Our parish will also host an Organization & Ministry Fair following the Mass out on the plaza. Stay tuned for more details.

**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. See flyer in the rear of the Church.

**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](mailto:newman_acm@hotmail.com).

**SODALITY BAZAAR**—Arts & Crafts, Baked Goods, and more at St. John de la Salle Catholic Church, **Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am—3pm,** 5706 Sargent Rd., Hyattsville, MD. For more details call Vicky Wise (202-635-3703) or see flyer in the vestibule.

## 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 young adults entering college for the first time and those home for summer break.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—concludes this **Wed., Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Separate sessions are designed for youth in pre-k to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please plan on attending with your family.

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ [YAM@hcscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hcscchurch.org)

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. During summer months call the rectory (202-546-1885) to confirm that the group will meet. 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 the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: [yam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:yam@hcscchurch.org). Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

**THE HOPE MASS**—is for persons with disabilities, their families, and friends. Celebrated **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am, Holy Name Annex Building, 1125 Neal St., NE.** Homilist is Most Rev. Mario Dorsonville. Following the Mass, the DC Heart of Hope Expo offers information and resources for the disability community. For more info call Cheryl McLaughlin (202-397-2525).

**EWTN**—The First Catholic Broadcasting Network (founded by Mother Angelica) airs family and religious programming (on radio, cable, internet) from a Catholic point of view with inspiring talk shows, entertaining children’s animation, exclusive teaching series, live coverage or Church events, and thought-provoking documentaries. First and foremost, the spiritual heart of EWTN’s mission is to bring the Eternal Word, Jesus Christ, to all. Find out more at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com).

**VACATION TIME IS HERE**—Whether you stay at home, visit relatives or friends, or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. We should remember to always keep the Lord’s day sacred. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting and recreating? Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://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](http://www.hcscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope’s Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
Fr. Pope’s Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

