

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16—4:3 Mark 9:30-37



In today's Gospel we are given a clarification about Jesus and reminded of the necessity of the cross. First, note the **Confusion** as Jesus asks who do people say he is. Many divergent answers come back, none of them correct. And thus we are taught that many views and opinions vie for our loyalty in this world and most of them are either outright wrong, or insufficient due to their incompleteness. Only the Lord can give us a complete and saving vision for our life. Next, note the **Confession** of Peter. Graced by God, Peter is given the capacity to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ: that Jesus is Lord and Messiah, the Son of the living God. Faith is granted here, but faith must seek understanding, and Peter and the others who receive this proclamation of the truth must come to a deeper appreciation of Jesus and the need for the Cross. Thus, the next stage is that Jesus gives a **Clarification**, indicating that though he is Messiah and Lord, he must suffer, die and rise. Shocked by this, Peter and the others react negatively. This leads the Lord to utter the **Command** about the cross. In effect he teaches, "No Cross, No crown." In our Parish this week we celebrate our patronal feast, St. Cyprian. By his death as a Martyr, St. Cyprian testifies to us of the need to endure the cross, but he also shouts the victory from his place in the great cloud of witnesses. For all of us, on this our feast day we are guided by this theme: *More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern...More about Jesus! More of his saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me!*

FUNERAL—Joyce V. Hall (Sept. 11th)



Sunday, September 13

4:30pm (Sat) Deceased Ushers

10:00am John N. Graham †

7:00pm Tyrone L. Ramey †

Monday, September 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00am Catherine E. Graham † (birthday)

Wednesday, September 16 *Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Edith Morgan †

Thursday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of Church*

7:00am James A. Hill †

Friday, September 18

7:00am Ernestine C. Jackson †

Saturday, September 19 *St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00am For the Intentions of Tommy McCaffrey

4:30pm Bernadette Nicholson (birthday-9/18)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Numbers 21:4-9 Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3:1-13 John 19:25-27
Wednesday: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Timothy 6:2-12 Luke 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Luke 8:4-15

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Standing on the Promises" LMGM #562
Responsorial Psalm
 I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" T. Fettke
Communion
 "Oh How I Love Jesus" LMGM #365
Post Communion Music
 "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" arr. R. Carter

Mass Attendance for September 6, 2015

4:30pm	43
8:00am	109
11:00am	245
7:00pm	72
Total:	469

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/00)	\$21,045
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$4,699

ELECTRONIC TITHING—What is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries? Try *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. Thank you for your continued support!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/13) 1:00pm Ministry Fair 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Friday (9/18) 7:00pm Sunday School Catechist 8:00pm NA
Monday (9/14) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Saturday (9/19) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Social Concerns mtg 4:30pm Mass
Tuesday (9/15) 7:00pm Adult Choir	
Wednesday (9/16) 6:30pm Usher Board meeting 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study	

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.

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



SEPTEMBER YOUTH SUNDAY: Due to our celebration of the Feast of Saint Cyprian this weekend, **Youth Sunday Mass will be celebrated on Sun., Sept. 20th.** We invite all our youth to come, bring a friend, and sit together next Sunday!



CONGRATULATIONS—to Edward and Rachel McCann who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at HCSC on Sun., Sept. 6th. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.

HCSC MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION FAIR—is **Sun., Sept. 13th** on the plaza following the 10am Mass. The Parish Council invites our parishioners to come and learn about the various ministries and organizations at our parish. This is a great opportunity for you to discern how you will use your time, talent and treasure at your parish.

TAKE THE PLEDGE, WALK WITH FRANCIS: Make a commitment to follow Pope Francis' example of faith and service. **PRAY** regularly for the Holy Father. **SERVE** by reaching out and caring for those in need. **ACT** to promote human life and dignity. You can still complete one of the pledge cards located in the rear of the church and pick up your **FREE Walk with Francis** bracelet! All pledges will be presented to Pope Francis!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: First day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sun., Sept. 20th at 9:30am at the school.** This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Youth can still register. Pick up a form in the rear of the church or on our website. **Adult Bible Study** will be held in conjunction with Sunday School. Any adult can attend. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or mre@hcschurch.org.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Are you or do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic? Did you or a family member, or friend, miss receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Communion? Are you searching for a greater knowledge and appreciation of your faith? Enroll in the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Adult Catechetical Program! Classes will begin this Fall on Sunday mornings. Registration forms with more information are available in the rear of the church and in the rectory office.

DID YOU LIKE TODAY'S HOMILY?—CD's of Sunday homilies are available in CD format in the Candlelight Store (at a low cost) or on our website (no cost).

SAVE THE DATE: The HCSC Choir's 43rd Anniversary Concert, **Sunday, October, 25th, at 4pm.** This will be Mr. Kenneth Louis' final appearance at HCSC. Tickets are available from any choir member or in the rectory. Donation: \$20. To place an ad stay tuned for more details.



"WE OFFER PRAISE" CD is Mr. Louis' final recording project with the HCSC Music Ministry. Pick up your copy in the Candlelight Store and the rectory. **COST:** Just \$10 each!

Youth Ministry News

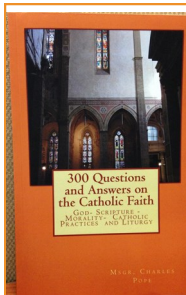
Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hcschurch.org

WE NEED YOU FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES! Many of our youth have graduated and become young adults. We are looking for more youth to serve in our Youth Ministries: *Altar Servers; Dance Ministry; Junior Ushers; Youth Ensemble; Youth Lectors.* If you are interested in joining any of our youth ministries, or helping with one of the youth ministries, contact the Youth Ministry Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry
Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcschurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. 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** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hcschurch.org. Follow us on Twitter for updates at HCSCYoungAdults!



300 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Msgr. Pope has produced a bound softcover version of his publication that addresses questions about God, Scripture, Morality, Catholic Practices, Liturgy and more. On sale in the Candlelight Store in the rear of the Church. **Cost: \$5.** Pick up your copy and one for a family member or friend. This publication is only available here at HCSC.

THE FRIENDLY SENIORS—weekly fellowship resumes **Wed., Sept. 30th at 11am** in the Youth Room at the school. Come join other seniors for fellowship, Bible study, and to play games. For info, call Doris Edelin at 301-350-2697.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP—**Sat., Sept. 26th** at the school. **Doors open 9:30am.** Guest speaker: Melanie Rigney, author of *Blessed are You: Finding Inspiration from Our Sisters in Faith.* Her theme for this talk: *"Rejoice and Be Glad."* All are invited.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT—at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD, **Nov. 6—8, 2015.** **COST: \$225** covers private room, transportation, meals, and spiritual enrichment. **Theme: "Holding on to my joy while striving to live my faith."** **Facilitator: Charlene Howard.** Flyers in rear of the Church with more information.

SAVE THE DATE!! HCSC HOLY NAME SOCIETY is planning its annual men's spiritual retreat to *Loyola on the Potomac, January 1—3, 2016.* **COST: \$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.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:
Parish Website: www.hcschurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

