

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30



In today's gospel we see described and taught the miracle of marriage. If your marriage is even reasonably working, it is a miracle. We live in an age that is poisonous to marriage. Successful marriages need to be seen for the miracle they are: namely, that God can take two, and make them one. The gospel begins with a **REJECTION** of God's plan for marriage. The Pharisees approached Jesus and assert that they are free to divorce their wives, if they wish. Jesus responds to them by teaching that their rejection of marriage and their wives is the sign of the hardness of their hearts. Jesus then points to the **RESTORATION** of God's plan for marriage. For it is true that Moses had permitted divorce, but this was not God's original plan. Jesus reminds them that in God's plan the two become one flesh, and that what God has joined together, no one must divide. Jesus then announces the **REALITY** that divorce and remarriage amount to adultery. Whatever human papers from some human judge that we shake in front of God's face, God does not recognize the human dividing of marriages he has truly made. These are hard words in a culture like ours, where divorce is so common. And yet, as with every difficult passage, we must remember that the Lord is announcing a grace that is available to us. In this case it is a grace that he offers us that we can actually love our spouse, and seek to have our love deepen each year. Next comes a **REEMPHASIS** by Jesus. He takes a little child and warns the disciples never to hinder a child in finding their way to the kingdom. This passage relates to the previous text because children are the fruit of godly marriage and it is in the context of a stable and harmonious marriage that children best find their way to the kingdom of God. Finally, there is a **REASSURANCE** where Jesus encourages us to receive this difficult teaching like a little child. In other words, when challenged by a difficult teaching we should, be like little children seeking God's help, rather than to bristle and proudly reject it. This gospel does not simply present demands, but rather, offers grace and help.



Sunday, October 4

4:30pm (Sat) Antonia Contreras †
8:00am Rita A. Lowry (birthday)
11:00am For the People
7:00pm Antonia Contreras †

Monday, October 5

7:00am Dorarita Omunyidde (birthday)

Tuesday, October 6 *St Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin*

7:00am Ellis Poole †

Wednesday, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

7:00am Antonia Contreras †

Thursday, October 8

7:00am Alice N. Thornton † (30th anniversary)

Friday, October 9 *St. Denis, Bishop & Martyr; St. John Leonardi, Priest*

7:00am Joan V. Savoy † (7th anniversary)

Saturday, October 10

8:00am Antonia Contreras †
4:30pm Francis D. Campbell †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11 Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4
Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20 Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26
Saturday: Joel 4:12-21 Luke 11:27-28

Music Schedule

Processional
"Have A Little Talk with Jesus" LMGM #559

Responsorial Psalm
"May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives"

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"

Offertory
* "Lead Me, Guide Me" LMGM #538
** "More Than I Can Bear" K. Franklin

Communion
"Jesus Is Here Right Now" LMGM #142

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for September 27, 2015

4:30pm	57
8:00am	119
11:00am	325
7:00pm	98
Total:	599

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/27)	\$12,973
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$3,373

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 (10/4) 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (10/8) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Monday (10/5) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (10/9) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (10/6) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (10/10) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Social Concerns Min 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (10/7) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 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

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11:00am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Please feel free to invite a friend!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein **canned** foods (**meats, tuna fish, stews, peanut butter**) for our food pantry. An usher will collect your food contribution when you enter the church.

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION—will have religious items (Crosses, Nativity sets, Icons, Gospel art and much more) that will be on sale at HCSC **Sun., Oct. 4th** after the 8am & 11am Mass. Many Holy Land Christians rely upon income generated from this art form. The items are carved by local craftsmen including olive wood and mother of pearl religious items. HCEF imports and sells traditional handcrafts and the money is the families' most significant source of income and means for survival. Please stop by and see what they are offering.

2016 YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE EARLY REGISTRATION!!! Attention catechist, youth leaders, and youth interested in attending next year's **Youth Rally & Mass for Life** event. For registration details, please contact our Minister of Religious Education, Shirley Austin, on 202-546-1885, no later than **Sun., Oct. 4th**.

26th ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL! Let's continue "*The Walk with Pope Francis*" and celebrate the **JOY OF THE GOSPEL, Mon., Oct. 5th—Thurs., Oct. 8th, 7pm,** at **Holy Family Catholic Church, Hillcrest Heights, MD.** Revivalist: Deacon Harold Burke-Silvers. Closing Mass on Thursday w/Bishop John Ricard, SSJ. Tuesday night is "Youth Night". See flyer in rear of church.

HCSC Church Choir's 43rd Anniversary Concert is Sun., Oct. 25th, at 4pm. Tickets: \$20 each are available from any Choir member or the rectory office. This will be the last HCSC concert under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Louis. So don't miss this opportunity!



TEA TIME WITH OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE—Sat., Oct. 17th, 11:30am—3pm. Silent auction and fancy tea purchases on hand. Ladies are encouraged to wear a hat and gloves and gentlemen should wear a tie. For more information contact Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP, at 410-242-6861.

IN—HOME CARE & ASSISTANCE: Right at Home is sponsoring an Open House. Bring your resume **Oct. 6—8, 10am-4pm, 1818 New York Ave, NE, #219.** A perfect opportunity for caregivers seeking flexible hours or part-time work. Visit www.RightAtHomeDCJobs.net or call 202-630-9269.

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.

Youth Ministry News

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EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL YOUTH NIGHT—is **Tue., Oct. 6th at 7pm** at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Callaway St., Hillcrest Heights, MD. For information, contact the Youth Director.

SAVE THE DATE!! Youth Ministry Fun Fellowship, **Fri., Oct. 30th**. Stay tuned for more details.

ALL YOUTH!!! If you are interested in becoming a reporter for the HCSC Youth Newsletter, please contact the Youth Director.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: If you celebrate a birthday during August, September, or October and would like it posted in the next HCSC Youth Newsletter contact the Youth Director.

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@hscchurch.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})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook**. Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

MEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING: Have you been impacted by abortion or several abortions? Did you pressure someone or were you both pressured to abort? Were you against the abortion? Did you find out after the fact that she aborted? Archdiocese of Washington—sponsored confidential prayer and healing session, **Sat., Oct. 10th**. For more information call PRM (301-853-4565). Location and contacts are confidential.

NORTHWEST CENTER'S 29th ANNUAL INDIAN SUMMER BALL: Join the **Northwest Center, Sat., Oct. 17th, 8pm to Midnight** at the Organization of American States 17th & E Constitution Ave., NW. Black tie, gourmet dinner buffet, open bar, live music and dancing. All proceeds directly benefit the pregnancy center and maternity home. Tickets must be purchased in advance (\$95/person, \$175/couple). For more info visit: www.northwestcenter.net/events or contact Sheena Byrne at sheena@northwestcenter.net or call 202-483-2857.

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

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

